OhioEPA Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index and Use Assessment Field Sheet

QHEI Score: 70

Stream & Location: PINEY CREEK South RM: ___.__ Date: 11/10/10

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River Code: ___-___-___ STORET #: _____ Lat./Long.: 39.89181 84.02331 (NAD 83 - decimal °) Office verified location ☐

1] SUBSTRATE

Check ONLY Two substrate TYPE BOXES; estimate % or note every type present

BEST TYPES	POOL	RIFFLE	OTHER TYPES	POOL	RIFFLE
☐☐ BLDR/SLABS [10]			☐☐ HARDPAN [4]		
☐☐ BOULDER [9]		5	☐☐ DETRITUS [3]		
☒☐ COBBLE [8]	15	65	☐☐ MUCK [2]		
☐☐ GRAVEL [7]	15	15	☐☐ SILT [2]		
☐☐ SAND [6]	10	15	☐☐ ARTIFICIAL [0]		
☐☒ BEDROCK [5]	60		(Score natural substrates; ignore sludge from point-sources)		

NUMBER OF BEST TYPES: ☒ 4 or more [2] ☐ 3 or less [0]

Check ONE (Or 2 & average)

ORIGIN: ☒ LIMESTONE [1] ☐ TILLS [1] ☐ WETLANDS [0] ☐ HARDPAN [0] ☐ SANDSTONE [0] ☐ RIP/RAP [0] ☐ LACUSTURINE [0] ☐ SHALE [-1] ☐ COAL FINES [-2]

QUALITY: ☐ HEAVY [-2] ☐ MODERATE [-1] ☒ NORMAL [0] ☐ FREE [1]

SILT: ☐ EXTENSIVE [-2] ☐ MODERATE [-1] ☒ NORMAL [0] ☐ NONE [1]

EMBEDDEDNESS

Substrate: 16 (Maximum 20)

Comments

2] INSTREAM COVER

Indicate presence 0 to 3: 0-Absent; 1-Very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality; 2-Moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality; 3-Highest quality in moderate or greater amounts (e.g., very large boulders in deep or fast water, large diameter log that is stable, well developed rootwad in deep / fast water, or deep, well-defined, functional pools.

1 UNDERCUT BANKS [1]	0 POOLS > 70cm [2]	0 OXBOWS, BACKWATERS [1]	
1 OVERHANGING VEGETATION [1]	1 ROOTWADS [1]	0 AQUATIC MACROPHYTES [1]	
3 SHALLOWS (IN SLOW WATER) [1]	1 BOULDERS [1]	1 LOGS OR WOODY DEBRIS [1]	
1 ROOTMATS [1]			

AMOUNT (Check ONE (Or 2 & average))

☐ EXTENSIVE >75% [11] ☒ MODERATE 25-75% [7] ☐ SPARSE 5-<25% [3] ☐ NEARLY ABSENT <5% [1]

Comments

Cover Maximum 20: 14

3] CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY

Check ONE in each category (Or 2 & average)

SINUOSITY	DEVELOPMENT	CHANNELIZATION	STABILITY
☐ HIGH [4]	☐ EXCELLENT [7]	☒ NONE [6]	☐ HIGH [3]
☒ MODERATE [3]	☒ GOOD [5]	☐ RECOVERED [4]	☒ MODERATE [2]
☐ LOW [2]	☐ FAIR [3]	☐ RECOVERING [3]	☐ LOW [1]
☐ NONE [1]	☐ POOR [1]	☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY [1]	

Comments

Channel Maximum 20: 16

4] BANK EROSION AND RIPARIAN ZONE

Check ONE in each category for EACH BANK (Or 2 per bank & average)

River right looking downstream

EROSION (L R)	RIPARIAN WIDTH (L R)	FLOOD PLAIN QUALITY (L R)	
☐☐ NONE / LITTLE [3]	☒☒ WIDE > 50m [4]	☒☒ FOREST, SWAMP [3]	☐☐ CONSERVATION TILLAGE [1]
☒☒ MODERATE [2]	☐☐ MODERATE 10-50m [3]	☐☐ SHRUB OR OLD FIELD [2]	☐☐ URBAN OR INDUSTRIAL [0]
☐☐ HEAVY / SEVERE [1]	☐☐ NARROW 5-10m [2]	☐☐ RESIDENTIAL, PARK, NEW FIELD [1]	☐☐ MINING / CONSTRUCTION [0]
	☐☐ VERY NARROW < 5m [1]	☐☐ FENCED PASTURE [1]	
	☐☐ NONE [0]	☐☐ OPEN PASTURE, ROWCROP [0]	

Indicate predominant land use(s) past 100m riparian.

Comments

Riparian Maximum 10: 9

5] POOL / GLIDE AND RIFFLE / RUN QUALITY

MAXIMUM DEPTH (Check ONE (ONLY!))

☐ > 1m [6] ☐ 0.7-<1m [4] ☒ 0.4-<0.7m [2] ☐ 0.2-<0.4m [1] ☐ < 0.2m [0]

CHANNEL WIDTH (Check ONE (Or 2 & average))

☒ POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [2] ☐ POOL WIDTH = RIFFLE WIDTH [1] ☐ POOL WIDTH < RIFFLE WIDTH [0]

CURRENT VELOCITY (Check ALL that apply)

☐ TORRENTIAL [-1] ☒ SLOW [1] ☐ VERY FAST [1] ☐ INTERSTITIAL [-1] ☐ FAST [1] ☐ INTERMITTENT [-2] ☒ MODERATE [1] ☐ EDDIES [1]

Indicate for reach - pools and riffles.

Recreation Potential: Primary Contact / Secondary Contact (circle one and comment on back)

Comments

Pool / Current Maximum 12: 6

Indicate for functional riffles; Best areas must be large enough to support a population of riffle-obligate species: Check ONE (Or 2 & average). ☐ NO RIFFLE [metric=0]

RIFFLE DEPTH	RUN DEPTH	RIFFLE / RUN SUBSTRATE	RIFFLE / RUN EMBEDDEDNESS
☐ BEST AREAS > 10cm [2]	☐ MAXIMUM > 50cm [2]	☒ STABLE (e.g., Cobble, Boulder) [2]	☐ NONE [2]
☒ BEST AREAS 5-10cm [1]	☒ MAXIMUM < 50cm [1]	☐ MOD. STABLE (e.g., Large Gravel) [1]	☒ LOW [1]
☐ BEST AREAS < 5cm [metric=0]		☐ UNSTABLE (e.g., Fine Gravel, Sand) [0]	☐ MODERATE [0] ☐ EXTENSIVE [-1]

Comments

Riffle / Run Maximum 8: 5

6] GRADIENT

DRAINAGE AREA (ft/mi) (mi²)

☒ VERY LOW - LOW [2-4] ☐ MODERATE [6-10] ☐ HIGH - VERY HIGH [10-6]

%POOL: 42 %GLIDE: 42 %RUN: 8 %RIFFLE: 8

Gradient Maximum 10: 4

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